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Notice.

The subscriber hereby gives notice
that he has been duly appointed executor
of the last will and testament of
Martha A. Twitchell, late of
Bethel, in the County of Oxford,
deceased, and given bonds as
the law directs. All persons having
demands against the estate of the said
deceased are desired to present the
same for settlement, and all indebted
thereto are requested to make payment
immediately.
ADDISON E. HERRICK,
Dec. 21st, 1897. 3w31

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THAT IT
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Town Topics.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill" Can-
not Be Hid."

George King spent Christmas at
home.

E. L. Jewell, of South Paris, was
in town Monday.

M. J. Swain of Hanover was in
our village, Monday.

Archer Grover, U. of M. '99, is
spending his vacation at home.

Prof. W. R. Chapman wife and
daughter spent Sunday in town.

C. P. Pingree and wife of Albany
called at the News office, Monday.

A. S. Haggood of South Water-
ford, was in town Friday on busi-
ness.

Berto L. Bryant of Brunswick,
spent Christmas with friends in
town.

R. W. Glidden took his first de-
gree of Oddfellowship, Saturday
night.

Roscoe J. Child of Hartford, be-
gan working at the News office
Monday.

L. L. Mason of Portland was in
town Thursday and Friday on
business.

Harry Mason spent Christmas
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Mason.

Miss Fannie Carter who has been
on the sick list for the past three
weeks is recovering.

Mr. Herman Skillings of Har-
vard, Mass., is spending a week
with relatives in town.

Rev. F. E. Barton will preach at
the Union church, W. Bethel, next
Sunday, Jan. 2, at 2 P. M.

The Literary Society will meet
this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the
home of Mrs. Scott Wight.

"The True Life," will be the sub-
ject of the New Year's sermon at
the Universalist church next
Sabbath.

Miss Alice Chamberlain is spend-
ing her Christmas vacation with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C.
Chamberlain.

Rev. J. A. Corey will preach at
the M. E. church to-morrow even-
ing. Quarterly conference will be
held at the close of the sermon.

There will be a watch meeting
at the M. E. church Friday even-
ing; the pastor will be assisted by
Rev. Mr. Doughty of Locke's Mills.

Gilman Chapman came down
from Colebrook, N. H., where he is
engaged in a store, to spend Christ-
mas with his relatives and friends.

Our grand premium offers close
Friday night and all who wish to
improve them should do it before
then. The News is growing better
every week and none should be
without it. Get it while it costs
you nothing.

By buying our Pine Tree Linen
direct from the manufacturers, we
have saved the jobbers' commis-
sions and are thus enabled to give
the people an extra quality of pa-
per at the price usually paid for
the cheaper grades of paper. Ask
your stationer for it.

A. F. Andrews of Norway,
shipped from Bethel last week
over sixty thousand (60,000)
pounds of wool purchased of Eli F.
Stearns of Bethel, and Charles P.
Bartlett of Hanover. It required
six large cars to transport it.

At the union temperance meet-
ing held at the M. E. church, Sun-
day evening, Rev. A. Hamilton de-
livered a very able and interesting
discourse, in which he took bold
exceptions to the oft repeated
statements that our prohibitory
law is a farce. He is firm in the
opinion that it is not a farce and
that such would become plainly
evident if we could fill our public
offices with men who would faith-
fully perform the duties which the
law places upon them. He spoke
at some length of the league which
had been formed combining the
forces of the rum-sellers for the
purpose of making an irresistible
attack upon the temperance cause
in the prohibition states, and ear-
nestly called upon the friends of
temperance to gird themselves and
get ready for the attack.

There is more Catarrh in this section
of the country than all other diseases
put together, and until the last few
years was supposed to be incurable.
It is a great many years doctor
no remedy, and by constantly failing
to cure with local treatment, pro-
nounced it incurable. Science has
proven Catarrh to be a constitutional
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Our Public Library.

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Indeed, it means everything to
us; without it, life would be ex-
ceedingly dull. When we say that
the influence of good literature
lifts the world, we need to remem-
ber that our own little commu-
nity is part of the same, and that
it is every ones duty to foster the
influence. Good literature en-
nobles manhood, and makes the sun
of hope gleam through the clouds
of adversity. It polishes and re-
fines, bringing light out of dark-
ness and order out of chaos. Let
those who read, keep on reading,
and those who do not, begin at
once.

It is principally in consequence of
all these things, that we are inter-
ested in our public library. We
believe its influence is helpful to
the village in which we live. We
are pleased to know that our li-
brary is well patronized, but we
know that it would be neglected if
we did not make some effort to
keep it well supplied with some of
the latest and best books. As
good books cost money, the com-
mittee wish to take this oppor-
tunity to make an appeal to the
friends of good reading, and the
public generally. We are to have
a New Year's banquet followed by
exercises of a literary character.
Please come and help. If you
cannot come, please send a tangi-
ble evidence of your interest in a
worthy cause.

Gospel Temperance Meeting.

Sunday evening the W. C. T. U.
held a Gospel Temperance meeting
at the M. E. church. A special
program had been prepared and
the Union wishes to express pub-
licly its appreciation of the efforts
of those who so kindly helped to
make this one of the very best
meetings held here. The Metho-
dist choir accompanied by the or-
ganist, Miss Addie Gordon, and
Mr. Harry Jordan, cornetist,
opened the service; scripture read-
ing by Mrs. Hamilton; prayer by
Rev. Israel Jordan. Mr. Field,
accompanied by Miss Alice Bil-
lings as organist, sang "The Drunk-
ard" in a most pleasing manner.
Miss Helen Bisbee in a most pleas-
ing and graceful manner recited
"Dot's Christmas"; the story so
pathetically and charmingly told,
as well as the music, added much
to the interest of the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton gave the ad-
dress, and the trumpet gave forth
a strong appeal for righteousness
and total abstinence. The church
and State were warned not to be
found sleeping in the time of peril,
but to be progressive and aggres-
sive in the fight against this evil.
The prohibitory law was shown to
be no farce, but it must have the
right officers to enforce it to make
it effective.

An unusually large number were
present showing that although the
subject is old it still has its hold
upon the people.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Sunset Rebekah Hall, Dec. 20, '97.
Whereas, the Great and Super-
b Ruler has, in his infinite
wisdom, removed from our midst
one of our beloved and worthy
members, Sister Nettie P. Buck.

Resolved, That the sudden re-
moval of such a life from among
us, leaves a vacancy and a shadow
that will be deeply realized by all
the members and friends of the
organization.

Resolved, That with deep sym-
pathy with the bereaved relatives
of the deceased, we express our
hope that even so great a loss to
us all, may be overruled for good,
by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That a copy of these
resolutions be spread upon our re-
cords of this Lodge, a copy printed
in the local paper, and one for-
warded to the bereaved family.

Marcia A. Hastings, Committee
Ellen M. Burbank, Mary C. Bean, Resolutions.

Mrs. O. M. Mason spent Christ-
mas with her son in Deering.

The first meeting of the asso-
ciates to organize for the purpose
of furnishing electric power to be
used in Bethel and adjacent towns
will be held at the Bethel Savings
Bank, Thursday evening at seven
o'clock. A good attendance is
desired.

Mount Abram Lodge No. 31,
I. O. O. F., elected the following
officers at the meeting held last
Saturday evening: N. G. Wm. T.
Gunther; V. G. Josiah W. Smith;
Rec. Sec'y, Harry Farwell; Fin.
Sec'y, C. C. Bryant; Treas., S. I.
French; Janitor, L. S. Coburn;
Trustees, Calvin Bisbee, G. A. Bur-
bank, E. S. Kilborn. Six candi-
dates have been initiated during
the past year. It is expected the
officers will be installed at the
next meeting, Jan. 1, '98. A good
attendance of the brothers is de-
sired.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

How It Was Observed In Bethel.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Methodist church presented
a pretty scene of Christmas festi-
vity last Friday evening. On en-
tering the vestibule one was greet-
ed with the bright excited faces of
the children, the sweet odor of the
fir trees, the bright lights and
warmth. It must have been a
very stolid nature whose pulses
did not quicken under the influ-
ence of the prevailing Christmas
cheer. The program was particu-
larly pleasing and the parts ex-
ceptionally well taken, reflecting
much credit on those who labored
so faithfully in preparing the pro-
gram and drilling the children.

The young ladies recited in the
pretty, graceful manner one would
expect of Miss Mayo's pupils and
the children down even to the wee
tots could not have better met
the expectations of the audience
with their songs and recitations.
Special mention should be made
of the duet by Misses Bessie An-
drews and Lula Arno, and the
solo by Miss Ruth Bean. The
rich, full notes of Miss Bessie's al-
to combined with Miss Lula's
sweet soprano, gave a most pleas-
ing effect. Miss Bean both sur-
prised and delighted the audience
with the purity and strength of
her voice and we prophecy more
surprises from the same source
in the future. A ripple of amuse-
ment went around at the delight
with which the little ones wel-
comed the distribution of the gifts
with which the trees and tables
were loaded. If the hour was
late, every one went home with
a happy face, wishing every one
else a Happy New Year.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

About 125 partook of the Christ-
mas supper at the Universalist
chapel, the little folks sitting at a
table especially decorated for the
occasion. At 7:30 the church was
well filled to listen to the concert.
The strains of the last chorus were
hardly under way when the jing-
ling bells of one of those peculiar
persons connected with the Santa
Claus staff were heard in the entry,
mingled with the hoarse commands
to some kind of an animal to "stand
still." "Whoa, there"—then in-
came the owner of the aforesaid
"hoarse voice," with a large basket
strapped to his back. Pulling one
present after another, out of the
mammoth basket, he last of all
pulled out a boy—a bright little
fellow—who "manfully" stood out
front on the platform and spoke
his little piece. Two large trees
were well loaded with "things of
beauty and joys forever." As for
our friend Santa Claus, he was de-
clared to be the best it has ever
been this parish's privilege to
enjoy.

GARLAND CHAPEL.

Notwithstanding the extreme
cold, old and young were all
smiles and good cheer at Garland
Chapel. The hum and bustle
from the dining-room gave hint
of preparation for a supper. At
last all things were made ready
and a bountiful supper was served
to which all did justice. After
this part of the program, all curi-
osity and wonder was turned to-
ward the parlor, where stood the
trees concealed by the portieres.
Miss Kate Grover's class gave a
very pretty exercise consisting of
recitations and singing, which was
heartily applauded. The curtains
were then drawn aside and the
trees laden with presents and
prettily decorated with shining
stars gave promise of pleasure in
store for the children, and the pro-
mise was fulfilled as smiling faces
and the frequent "oh! and ah!"
testified. One dear little fellow
who for the first time became the
owner of a sled, addressed it thus,
"Nice, nice, nice you are!" The
presents were distributed by six
little boys dressed to represent
brownies.

This one day in the year when
young and old meet as one large
family, the older members made
to feel younger by the enthusiasm
of children, and youth, and they
in turn became more gentle and
courteous as they feel the dignity
and wisdom of their elders, has a
most helpful effect. The pity is
that we only have the "Calendared
Christmas" Dec. 25th, when the
spirit of every day should make
it a veritable Christmas.

"And they who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn;
Shall daily hear the angels' song,
To-day the Prince of peace is born."

Sixteen Years Ago

The Farrington residence, Rock-
land, Me., was painted with F. W.
Devos & Co's paint. It's still in
good condition; so say Farrand,
Spear & Co. of that city.

"The Thoughts of Youth are Long, Long Thoughts."

BY ADDIE KENDALL MASON.

The years have been long since together
these stood
In a doorway so old and gray,
A sturdy, brave lad and a winsome, sweet
maid,
Busy talking the long hours away.
Proudly he told of the world he would do
When out in the world he should go;
He always would fight for the good and
the true.

The wrong he would surely lay low.
He told of his home where she should
preside
As the joy and light of his life—
"For now you are only a sweetheart,"
he said.

"But then you'll be truly my wife.
Though the years may seem long yet
swiftly they'll fly,
And soon back, though the world
shall divide,
I will hasten to find the girl that I love
And take her away as my bride."

With a gay laugh she made him a low,
mocking bow
And her voice rang out full of glee;
"You are brave, sir, in setting your
fortunes in life,
Your assurance is pleasing to me.
Do you think that I've no ambition to do
Some work in the world and its strife;
No hopes of the fame they say is so dear,
No wish to plan out my own life?"

"Perhaps I've had dreams of a laurel
wreath
Resting lightly upon my brow,
Or a nurse's cap or a scholar's gown—
But my visions I'll not tell now.
And let's not plan, for you know at
school
The teacher told us to-day
That life doesn't always prove what we
plan,
When with youth we are young and
gay!"

"But don't look so sober," she sweetly
said
When he turned from her side to
depart;
"Whatever the world for us has in store
I'll be ever your own sweetheart."

Swift passed the years like a story that's
told,
And the youth to the world had gone
forth;
Away from the farms on the slope of the
hill
And the toilers of true humble worth—
The farm house that sheltered the sun-
shined girl,
The roof with age quaint and
gray
In the fire and smoke of the lightning's
wrath
Disappeared one long ago.

And the old folks by age and misfortune
weighed low,
Their burdens laid silently down,
To pass from earth and its weary cares
To the land of the harp and crown.
With no ties to bind her to childhood's
home,
The girl who was once blithe and gay
Passed out from among the scenes of
her youth,
Her fortune to seek far away.

It was up-hill work, toiling for fame,
The world's praises were slow to
cheer;
But rich purpose firm and a steadfast
heart
The goal that she sought drew near.
The victor's wreath she dreamed of was
hers.

Her name was a household word;
The ringing sweetness of her voice
The hearts of multitudes stirred.
A good man's name was hers by choice,
One greatly honored in ways of life,
Wealthy and brave, with firm sense of
truth—
Love crowned her a queen—as his
wife.

Yet oft when clad in her shining gowns
Decked with gems of radiant sheen,
As her beauty dazzled, her voice en-
thrilled
There came to her, like a dream,
A vision swift as a meteor's rush—
Of a shady dell and farm house gray,
A sturdy lad with laughing eyes
And a fair faced lassie, glad and gay.
Sworn friends and sweethearts in youth's
sweet time—
By old ocean divided for many years;
Two no longer to meet, in success's
prime,
That for their memory fell sparkling
tears.

The brown faced lad climbed the ladder,
too,
Round by round with a steady grip,
Seldom turning from duty's path.
At pleasure's chance the froth to sip.
Men called him stern, but those he
loved—
His name and his dark eyed wife—
Could tell that his heart was easy to
reach.

That his love, to them, was life.
And oft round the fire's glowing hearth
He tales would tell to them,
Of long, level stretches of meadow lands,
Sloping hills and a shady glen;
A puling brook "neat grand old trees,
A farm house quaint and old;
A laughing maid with eyes of blue
And looks of shining gold;
On the pranks that two together played
In days that had passed along;
But for years old ocean had rolled be-
tween,
And now she was called "queen of
song."

Crafting his brown eyed babe in his
arms,
He wronged no heart, in truth;
Yet deep in his heart a corner he keeps
For the sweetheart of his youth.
And he turned with a smile from the
fire's glow.

And these words did softly say:
"Life is not always just as we plan
When with youth we are young and
gay!"

W. Bethel, Me., Dec. '97.

Grandma's Treasures.

She quietly sits in the old arm chair,
And her thoughts are far away;
She dreams of the sunny days gone by,
Of her youthful days, when her hopes were
high,
And her spirit was light and gay.

Here eyes grow dim with the gathering tears,
And she looks with a mournful gaze
At the sacred nook, where many a year
She has carefully hoarded the treasures dear,
The relics of other days.

There is only a ribbon soiled and worn,
And a withered flower or two,
Only a slender ring of gold,
A crumpled cap and a garment old,
And a baby's tiny shoe.

Only a pillow, stained and soiled,
That once was as white as snow,
Only a little shining curl,
All that is left of the baby girl,
Cherished so long ago.

She counteth her treasures o'er and o'er,
As she sits in the old arm chair,
And she wipes the tears from her aged eyes,
And the children wonder why grandma cries
Over a look of hair.

She is only a poor old woman now,
Wrinkled and bowed and gray;
But she knows she will meet on the other
shore
The loved of her heart who have gone before,
And her tears will be wiped away.

KATIE BURKE'S THANKSGIVING.

"We're going to have roast tur-
key and plum pudding and lots of
company, Thanksgiving day,"
said Flossie Curtis, as she thrust
her red-mittened hands deep down
in her cloak pockets and skipped
gaily along.

"So are we," chimed in Sadie
Hall. "What are you going to
have, Katie?"

"Grammie and I are going to
have roast potatoes and stripped
fish," said the black-eyed little
maiden addressed, vainly endeavor-
ing to cover her small purple
hands under a scrap of a shawl.

"Pooh," said Flossie, contemptu-
ously, "we have that most every
night."

The black eyes flashed for a mo-
ment, then the light faded from
them as she answered softly, "We
don't."

A few steps farther on and
Katie turned off the path which
led to the humble dwelling where
she and Grammie Burke lived.

"How could you, Flossie," said
the gentle voice of Miss Thurston,
their teacher, close behind them.
"What?" asked the uncon-
scious child.

"Why, speak so slightly of
poor little Katie's dinner. Gram-
mie Burke has to work hard to
procure the simplest necessities of
life, and the least change in their
fare is regarded as a luxury by Katie,
who is unused to the comfort-
able living and happy home which
you enjoy."

This explanation placed things
in a new light, and two very sober
faces were raised to the teacher's.

"I'm going to ask mamma to in-
vite Grammie Burke and Katie
over to our house Thanksgiving
day," said Flossie, after a pause.

"That is a good resolution," said
Miss Thurston, "but you might do
better."

"How?" eagerly questioned the
girls, anxious to make amends for
any pain which their thoughtless-
ness might have caused.

"Well, you might speak to sever-
al of your mates, and join together
in getting up a Thanksgiving din-
ner for Kate and her grandma, in
their own little cottage, where I
think they would enjoy it better
than anywhere else."

"Goody, goody," exclaimed Flos-
sie, "we'll do it."

So the next day at recess there
was held, in one corner of the
school-house yard, such a very
private business meeting that if
Miss Thurston had not called
Katie to her desk and interested
her with books, inquiries concern-
ing her home life, and various
other matters, she would certainly
have noticed it and felt slighted.

These little business meetings
were held regularly for the next
three weeks, and Miss Thurston
was kept thoroughly informed of
the proceedings. Two nights be-
fore the eventful day, they met to
perfect the final arrangements.
The mothers in the neighborhood
had entered fully into the chil-
dren's plan, and in addition to the
dinner many useful articles were
contributed.

"We must manage some way to
get the house to ourselves to-mor-
row," said Miss Thurston.

"Mamma has that all arranged,"
said Flossie Curtis. "She has
some spinning to be done, and is
going to send for Grammie Burke
and Katie early to-morrow morn-
ing. When they go home the
next day she is going to give them
a mince pie, and they will think
that will be all they will have
extra. Won't they be surprised?"

Flossie clapped her hands in glee-
ful anticipation of Katie's delight.

"That is a good idea," said Miss
Thurston, smiling. "Now all be

on hand to-morrow morning as
soon as they reach Flossie's house,
and one or two of you bring a big
brother along to do the hard work
and run on errands."

With this parting injunction,
they separated for the night.

The next morning, as soon as
Grammie Burke and Katie were
out of sight, the little cottage
seemed fairly alive with active
workers, under the direction of
Miss Thurston. There were three
rooms down stairs and two above,
which were cleaned out in a twink-
ling, and the largest girls set to
cleaning paint, while the big boys
fell to whitewashing with a vigor.
By noon the whole house was
cleaned, the sitting-room papered,
and everything ready for "fixing
up."

Some one had donated a carpet
and rocking chair. The former
was faded to be sure, but contain-
ing years of service for all that;
the latter a little rickety, but a
few nails and a hammer in the
hands of a skillful boy soon reme-
died that defect. There were two
rugs and a stand from one neigh-
bor, a warm quilt and some buff

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1864	New York Underwriters Agency, New York.	\$10,000,000.00
1864	Insurance Company of North America, Philadelphia, Pa.	9,850,000.00
1867	German American Insurance Company, N. Y.	7,000,000.00
1870	Fire Association, Philadelphia, Pa.	6,000,000.00
1873	Phoenix Insurance Company, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5,750,000.00
1871	National Fire Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.	4,180,000.00
1869	North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, London and Edinburgh.	4,000,000.00
1872	Phoenix Assurance Company, London, Eng.	3,850,000.00
1867	Lancashire Insurance Company, Manchester, Eng.	3,500,000.00
1867	Ontario Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.	3,270,000.00
1870	North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, London and Edinburgh.	3,200,000.00
1865	Caledonian Insurance Company, Edinburgh and Scotland.	3,100,000.00
1863	Western Assurance Company, Toronto, Canada.	2,850,000.00
1874	The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.	2,750,000.00
1865	Globe Fire Insurance Company, N. Y.	2,700,000.00
1865	Aachen and Munich Fire Insurance Company, Aachen, Germany.	2,550,000.00
1866	Swedish Fire Insurance Company, Gothenburg, Sweden.	2,500,000.00
1869	Equitable Life Assurance Society, N. Y.	2,125,000.00
1876	Fidelity and Casualty Company, N. Y.	2,050,000.00

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Events and Happenings of the Year.

A VARIED RECORD.

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Political and Miscellaneous—Busi-
ness Troubles—A General Review.

FIRES.

1. Fire in the business portion of Nashville; loss, \$200,000.
2. A \$100,000 fire at Danville, Va.
3. A \$100,000 fire at Minneapolis.
4. A \$100,000 fire at Sandusky, O.; loss, \$200,000.
5. A \$100,000 fire in Chicago.
6. Red Lake Falls, Minn., nearly destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000.
7. A \$100,000 fire in Syracuse; loss, \$100,000.
8. A \$100,000 fire at Plattsburgh, N.Y.; loss, \$100,000.
9. A \$100,000 fire at Philadelphia; loss, \$100,000.
10. A \$100,000 fire at Chicago; loss, \$100,000.

WRECKS AT SEA.

1. The schooner "St. Charles" wrecked on Long Island.
2. The French steamer "Le Normandie" wrecked off Cape Hatteras; many lives lost.
3. The schooner "Aden" on Socotra island; 78 perished.
4. The German vessel "Rembek" sunk by collision in the Dardanelles; 18 sailors drowned.
5. The schooner "St. Charles" wrecked on Long Island; 6 sailors drowned.

POLITICS AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

1. President McKinley's cabinet nominated and confirmed as follows: Secretary of State, John Hay; Secretary of the Treasury, William V. Brewster; Secretary of War, Russell A. Alger; Secretary of the Interior, John D. McDonald; Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long; Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson; Secretary of Commerce, William C. Clegg.
2. The president nominated John Hay and Gen. Horace Porter ambassadors to Great Britain and France, respectively.
3. King Umberto attacked by a political fanatic.
4. Cabinet crisis in Spain; ministers tendered their resignations to the queen regent.
5. Attempt upon the life of President Faure of France.
6. Mr. Whitelaw Reid, special envoy of the United States to the queen's diamond jubilee, gave a notable dinner in London; the Prince of Wales was among the guests.
7. The new tariff bill went into effect after midnight.
8. Gen. Canova del Castillo, prime minister of Spain, assassinated at Santa Agueda by an anarchist.
9. President of Brazil, attacked by a woman, killed by a assassin in Montevideo.
10. Gen. J. P. S. Gobin de Lebanon, P. A., elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

NOTABLE FAILURES.

1. J. H. Johnston & Co., jewelers, assigned in New York; liabilities, \$100,000.
2. The National Bank of Portland, N. Y., closed its doors; liabilities, \$100,000.
3. C. Bunting & Co.'s banking house at Blackford, Ind., failed; liabilities, \$100,000.
4. The Globe Savings bank of Chicago assigned.
5. Burrus, Sen & Co., bankers of Norfolk, Va., failed for \$50,000.
6. The Belmont Savings bank of Chicago assigned.
7. The Globe Building and Loan association of Louisville assigned; liabilities, \$400,000.
8. The Golden Rod Bank of Paterson, N. J., failed; liabilities, \$100,000.
9. J. R. Willard Co. of New York made an assignment; liabilities reach \$100,000.
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DISASTERS ON RAILROADS, IN FACTORIES, MINES AND ELSEWHERE.

1. 7 men perished at the burning of a Union locomotive at Rockford, Ill.
2. 12 men killed and 2 injured in a collision on the Omaha R. R. near Hudson Junction, Neb.
3. 6 deaths in a fire in Hoboken, N. J.
4. 12 workmen killed by the collapse of a scaffolding at Cornwall, England.
5. Over 50 men injured by a gas explosion in Boston; 5 deaths.
6. 1 killed and 2 injured in a railroad wreck at Hazelton, Ind.
7. 4 killed and 2 injured at the burning of the Chicago mill in Buffalo.
8. 15 men killed and many wounded by the explosion of a gun on a Russian turret ship in Cretan waters.
9. 11 killed and 9 injured in a railway collision at Harrisburg, N. C.
10. Many lives lost and 2 city blocks destroyed in San Salvador by an explosion of dynamite.
11. A charity bazaar burned in Paris; over 100 deaths and about 200 injured; several ladies killed and others mutilated.
12. 13 lives lost by fire on the Mallory line steamship "Leona" at sea.
13. 10 killed and 9 injured in an accident in the ore mines at Piquette, Mich.
14. 8 killed and 5 injured in an explosion in a chain falling through a tunnel at Missouri City, Mo.
15. 9 persons killed and 5 badly wounded by an explosion near Hartsville, N. Y.
16. 8 persons drowned by the bursting of 2 steamers at Matamoras, N. Y.

A MISCELLANEOUS RECORD.

1. The treaty of annexation to the United States ratified by the Hawaiian senate.
2. President Diaz of Mexico was assassinated, but escaped unhurt.
3. The Spanish cabinet resigned.
4. Senorita Evangelina Cosio y Caceres, the Cuban girl who escaped from prison, arrived in New York.
5. Sweeping Democratic victory in the state and city of New York.
6. Dr. Moniz, president of Brazil, attacked by a woman, killed by a assassin in Montevideo.
7. The 55th congress assembled; President McKinley's message treated at length with currency and Cuba.

CHRONICLE OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS.

1. Mrs. Hungerford, famous as a novelist under the name de la Plume, died in New York.
2. Mrs. Mary M. Winsor, "the escaped nun," died at Annapolis; aged 80.
3. Henry C. White & Son's large woolen mill at Chapequa, R. I., destroyed by fire, together with several houses; loss, \$200,000.
4. The plague broke out at P. P. Thomas Sons & Co. at Paulsboro destroyed by fire; loss, \$200,000.
5. A warehouse burned at Philadelphia; loss, \$200,000.
6. John A. Logan, Jr.'s stock barn, 8 miles horses and a number of cattle burned at Youngstown, O.; loss, \$75,000.
7. The works of the Youngstown (O.) Bridge Co. destroyed by fire; loss, \$50,000.
8. The John Grand Brewing Co. plant at Leavenworth, Mo., destroyed by fire; loss, \$300,000.
9. The Star Coal Co.'s No. 1 mine at Bradwood, Ill., destroyed by fire; loss, \$100,000.
10. Destructive fire at London; loss, \$400,000.
11. Power house of the Capital Traction R. Co. burned in Washington; loss over \$1,000,000.
12. 100 buildings burned at Austin, Pa.; loss, \$200,000.
13. Hotel Fayette, a new summer resort at Minnetonka Beach, Minn., destroyed by fire.
14. 18 business buildings burned at Medora, Ill.; loss, \$100,000.
15. 7 buildings, including an opera house, burned in Detroit; loss, \$60,000.
16. The Second Presbyterian church burned at Lafayette, Ind.
17. Tobacco warehouses and 8 dwellings burned at Durham, N. C.; loss, \$200,000.
18. The town of Windsor, N. Y., wiped out by fire; 300 people homeless; loss, \$30,000.
19. A \$100,000 fire at Camden, N. J.
20. The offices of the Washburn R. R. in St. Louis burned; loss, \$60,000.
21. Sturge's elevator burned at Buffalo; loss over \$200,000.
22. Central hotel and Curry block burned at Marlboro, Mass.; loss, \$150,000.
23. A \$100,000 fire at Tazewell, Ark.
24. Hotel San Marco at New Orleans, Fla., burned; loss, \$200,000.
25. A \$100,000 fire at Middletown, Ky.; loss, \$30,000.
26. The Riverfront hotel burned at Kankakee, Ill.; loss, \$50,000.
27. The Lion department store burned in Milwaukee; loss, \$300,000.
28. A \$100,000 fire at St. Louis burned at Chester, Ill.; loss, \$100,000.
29. A \$100,000 fire in the business portion of London; loss, \$25,000.
30. A million dollar blaze in Melbourne.
31. Kean's department store burned in St. Paul; loss, \$100,000.
32. A \$100,000 fire at Pensacola, Fla.
33. The "Brick" Pomeroy block and McMillan Opera House burned at Leavenworth, Mo.; loss, \$200,000.
34. A \$100,000 fire at Leavenworth, Mo.
35. 4 firms burned out on Chestnut street, Philadelphia; loss, \$75,000.
36. Little Fletcher & Co.'s wholesale grocery store at Marshalltown, Ia., burned; loss, \$100,000.
37. Hotel Dakota and other properties burned at Grand Forks, N. D.; loss, \$50,000.

THE STORM'S FURY.

1. The heaviest rainstorm of recent years, in Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory. Extreme cold all over the country; mercury dropped 60 degrees in 24 hours.
2. Turned in a school demolished at Arlington; 8 children killed and many fatally injured.
3. Turned in a school demolished at Chandler, O.; 20 about 50 lives lost and nearly 50 people seriously injured.
4. Violent earthquakes and great loss of life in the "red" islands.
5. Flood at Guthrie, O.; T. J. Green damage done and 15 lives lost.
6. Earthquake in the South Atlantic and central western states.

SPORTING CONTESTS.

1. Fitzsimmons defeated Corbett for the world's heavyweight championship at Carson, Nev.
2. Kentucky Derby won by Thynnon II at Louisville.
3. Howard Mann won the Brooklyn Handicap.
4. G. A. Soden won the Irvington-Millbrook cycle race.
5. Princeton won the third and deciding series of the "Crown" of the Brooklyn Handicap.
6. Octagon won the Brooklyn Derby.
7. Michael L. T. Duffin won a 15 mile cycle race at Cambridge, Mass.
8. The steam yacht "Ellie" broke the mile record on the Hudson.
9. Third annual "deciding game" of the Princeton-Yale football series won by Princeton in New York; score, 22 to 8.
10. Ben Brush won the Suburban Handicap at Connetquot.
11. Cornell won the intercollegiate boat race at Poughkeepsie over Yale and Harvard.
12. Cornell defeated Columbia and Pennsylvania in the shell race at Poughkeepsie.
13. The Princeton team won the "Realization" stakes at Sheepshead Bay.
14. Michael defeated Starbuck in a 25 mile cycle race at Manhattan Beach, winning by 2 miles; time, 11. 11. 14. 5. 5.
15. Star Pointer outpooled Joe Patchen at Chicago; best mile, 2:02.
16. Star Pointer won the Futurity at Connetquot.
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CONVENTIONS OF THE YEAR.

1. Exposition opened at Nashville.
2. The 10th general assembly of the Presbyterian church began at Wilkes, Ind.
3. The general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian convention began at Charlotte, N. C.
4. The 18th annual meeting of the American Medical association held in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia.
5. The 18th annual conference of the United Presbyterian church held in Philadelphia.
6. The 23rd reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac held at Troy, N. Y.
7. Annual encampment of the G. A. R. held in Buffalo.
8. The Sons of Veterans began a national encampment at Indianapolis.
9. The International Association of Police and Telegraph Superintendents met in annual session in Nashville.
10. The supreme lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor opened its 11th annual meeting in Detroit.
11. The American Forestry association met in Nashville.
12. The annual conference of the German Baptists of the east began in New York city.
13. The Pan-Slavic Press association organized at Cleveland.
14. The biennial meeting of the world's W. C. T. U. opened in Toronto.
15. The 20th annual meeting of the Society of the Tennessee began in Milwaukee.
16. The national convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union opened at Louisville.
17. The annual general assembly of the Knights of Labor began at Louisville.
18. The American Forestry association held its annual session in Washington.

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